

Date: April 28, 2020

To: All Queen Anne's County 4-H Families

RE: 4-H Covid-19 Updates

From: Christine Johnston

I would like to thank our 4-H leaders and families for their effort in providing learning and communication skills opportunities for our 4-H members. I also know that some families are already overwhelmed by online activities since parents are working remotely from home and families with multiple children are all trying to do school work online as well. I can personally relate because my home internet is "spotty". Do not feel pressure that your clubs need to be active online – if it works fine – if not use this time to work with your projects – whether they are animals, crafts, sewing, foods, leadership, etc. If your club is interested, we can help you set up a zoom – virtual meeting.

As we continue in our uncertain times, I want to share a recent decision by our University. We are continuing our ban on 4-H group activities and events through the end of June. This includes all 4-H events. We had hoped to reschedule Eastern Shore Spring Show for June 27 but that will not happen now. I am looking into virtual show options – but after conferring with colleagues that have tried several different programs, they are reporting more issues than benefits. I have another conference call today to discuss several different virtual platforms. If you are aware of a free or reasonably priced option that works well, please share with me. I am aware that the programmers for Show Works, our fair database, are in the early development process for both virtual show and livestock auction sale software that would align with our fair entry system.

Animal Exhibitors: Still abide by our ownership deadlines. June 1 for market animals, July 1 for breeding animals, Dog-Horse and Poultry ownership cards are Due June 1 and leasing paperwork will also be due June 1. There will NOT be a weigh-in this year – so there will be no rate of gain for county or state fair. The release of the official Maryland 4-H resources for members to complete their animal ownership forms online has been put on hold at the state 4-H office. As soon as we receive any information from the state we will reach out to you and let you know when we know. The horse, dog and poultry cards are on our County 4-H website: <https://extension.umd.edu/queen-annes-county/4-h-and-youth/4-h-documents> and you can download and scan or take a picture and email it to us. Also, if you have an existing card on file that you want to re-up for 2020, email your name and the project animals name to Theresa Rich at trich@umd.edu. Many of these items are still in process so do not look for them yet. I just wanted to give you a heads up since I expect that many of you have questions. Make sure that your cattle and pigs have RFID tags and sheep and goats have scrapies tags – you will need these to get your Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

Online AH&QA Program is Open – Please copy and paste this link into your browser to go to our 4-H website where you will find the information to move forward.

<https://extension.umd.edu/queen-annes-county/4-h-and-youth/4-h-documents>

State 4-H Program COVID-19 Adjustments:

All Inbound and outbound 4-H International trips will be cancelled for the summer of 2020.

All resident 4-H summer camps will be cancelled for 2020.

Community Service Help Needed: Our county front line workers and volunteers are still in need of fabric facemasks. We have a request from our county emergency management team to see if 4-H families would be willing to sew masks as a community service. We can provide patterns and materials if you are willing to volunteer your services.

Please contact Chris Johnston by phone 410 708-0135 or email cjohnstn@umd.edu or Sally Rosenberry 410 739 0117 or srosenbe@umd.edu if you have any questions or want to volunteer.

CloverPress Updates!!

2020 Indoor Fair Changes:

There are a few changes in some Indoor Department Classes. They are as follows:

Decorated Cakes now has a class for "Cupcake Creations." You take cupcakes and make them into different arrangements, which creates a type of novelty cake. It could be a tree, flower, animal, etc.

In the baking rules, it now states that Cream Cheese Icing IS allowed.

The 2020 Theme Class in the Well Dressed Table is "Disney Movies".

The Craft Department has eliminated the "Item made at Camp" and replaced it with "Homemade Soap".

I hope you are all busy thinking about what you want to enter in the fair. Now is a great time to start working on items to be entered into the fair in August.

New 4-H Club

"Shore" Riders is a newly formed 4-H club in Queen Anne's County! We are a horse-based club with lots of learning opportunities! We plan on hosting fun activities such as shows, overnight clinics, service projects, fundraisers and many more! We are always looking for new members to join. Whether you have a horse or are just interested in learning about horses you can join!" - Addison Eader (member)

The Shore Riders Officers are proud to begin this new club in 4-H. Their President is Riley Lowe (intermediate), Vice-President is Lindsey Voshell (junior), Secretary is Sophia Keenan (intermediate), Treasurer is Austin Eader (junior), Chaplin is Samantha Zedalis (clover), and Reporter is Breanna Mood (senior).

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm at the QAC 4-H Park.

For more information or to join the Shore Riders 4-H Club, email Sally Rosenberry at srosenbe@umd.edu

4-H Scholarships:

Senior 4-Hers, looking for scholarships? You may apply for scholarships on the Maryland 4-H Foundation website by clicking on the link below. <https://www.mymaryland4hfoundation.com/how-we-give/scholarships>

Learning from Home:

4-H families will find activities and information that they can utilize at home by visiting our state 4-H website. Follow this link: <https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/learning-home> and you'll find garden activities, STEM activities, snack ideas and more. Check it out!

4-H Issue Forum:

The Issue Forum that was to take place at College Park has changed into a Virtual Forum. The Issue Forum (Water Access and Quality) will now take place on July 1st. Look for more information to come about a one-day online event. We are looking forward to participants' learning about water access and quality from a social justice and equity perspective. There will be a keynote presentation, breakout sessions, and community action planning.

"4-Hers Teaching Others:"

We are very proud of our alumni 4-Her, Mandy Snyder, for developing the Facebook group named "4-Hers Teaching Others". This group has grown to include 4-Hers from across the nation. Quite a few of the "lessons" showcase our own Queen Anne's County 4-Hers. There's a contest currently going involving making an artistic picture of the 4-H Clover and its H's, there are special t-shirts that will soon be for sale again too. This is a "must see" site for all of our 4-Hers. You'll see many people that you know. Check it out!

Fiscal Year End Reports:

Club leaders and officers – our fiscal year ends on June 30th. That means that you may do your Annual Financial Summary, your Affirmative Action Report and your Club Inventory Report starting July 1st. The IRS Filing may also be done after June 30th. Please don't put these off until the last minute. As of yet, our county deadline has not been determined.

2020 Indoor Exhibit Project Scholarship:

The Queen Anne's County All Stars are pleased to offer a Project Scholarship to 4-H Members entering projects in the Queen Anne's County Fair. Queen Anne's County 4-H Members who intend to enter projects in the 4-H Indoor Exhibit Departments 1-3 at the Queen Anne's County Fair can apply. Project funds are intended to be used for project related costs, including materials, supplies and tools. More information and the application can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s3ciwotsrC9-vAIVW_-OwWNLBbFvP5c0/view?usp=sharing

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